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SUBJECT: TURKISH PRESS REACTION TO FORD ANNOUNCEMENT

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1. THE ANNOUNCEMENT THAT PRESIDENT FORD AND CONGRESSIONAL LEADERS HAVE WORKED OUT AN AGREEMENT WHICH WOULD PERMIT THE PARTIAL LIFTING OF THE ARMS EMBARGO AGAINST TURKEY RECEIVED TOP FRONT PAGE PLAY IN ALL MAJOR TURKISH DAILIES THURSDAY (JULY 10).

2. THE ANNOUNCEMENT CAME TOO LATE FOR EDITORIAL COMMENT IN THURSDAY EDITIONS AND NO OFFICIAL REACTION IN ANKARA HAS
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BEEN REPORTED SO FAR. HOWEVER, ACCORDING TO HURRIYET,

TURKEY'S LARGEST DAILY, TURKISH SENATOR KAMRAN INAN WHO IS NOW IN WASHINGTON DECLARED HE WAS "PLEASED " WITH THE AGREEMENT. ACCORDING TO CUMHURIYET, INAN DECLINED TO COMMENT DIRECTLY IN A TELEPHONE INTERVIEW, "BUT DID NOT HIDE THE SATISFACTION HE FELT OVER THE AGREEMENT WHICH WAS REACHED."

3. STORIES BASED ON WIRE SERVICE ACCOUNTS, AS WELL AS THOSE BASED ON CORRESPONDENT REPORTS, WERE STRAIGHTFORWARD. HEADLINE TREATMENT WAS ALSO GENERALLY STRAIGHTFORWARD, ALTHOUGH GUNAYDIN AND CUMHURIYET STRESSED THAT THE AGREEMENT WOULD ONLY PERMIT TURKEY TO BUY ARMS FOR CASH.

4. IN RELATED COVERAGE, HURRIYET CARRIED A FRONTPAGE EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW BY U.S. CORRESPONDENT DOGAN ULUC WITH REPRESENTATIVE JOHN BRADEMAS UNDER THE HEADLINE "'THE EMBARGO COULD BE CONDITIONALLY LIFTED FOR A MONTH'". IN THE INTERVIEW, REP. BRADEMAS REPORTEDLY DECLARED THAT THE BLAME FOR THE PRESENT PROBLEM LAY NOT WITH GREECE OR TURKEY, BUT WITH SECRETARY KISSINGER. (SEE SEPTTEL.)

5. IN OTHER COVERAGE, MILLIYET DIPLOMATIC WRITER NILUFER YALCIN REPORTED THAT FOREIGN MINISTRY AND AMERICAN EMBASSY SOURCES HAD CONFIRMED AN EARLIER STORY (SEE REFTTEL) THAT THE U.S. HAD ACCEPTED THE TURKISH CALL FOR NEGOTIATIONS ON U.S. INSTALLATIONS AND HAD ASKED FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ON THE "PROVISIONAL STATUS" OF THESE INSTALLATIONS AFTER JULY 17. (SEE SEPTTEL).
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